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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent. These documents are hereby submitted prior to receipt of the First Office Action, thus no fee is due in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. These references were cited in the corresponding international patent application. A copy of the search report is also enclosed.

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

<u>REFERENCE</u>	<u>DOCUMENT NO.</u>	<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>PUBLICATION DATE</u>
AL	DE 42 25 389 C1	Germany	July 31, 1992
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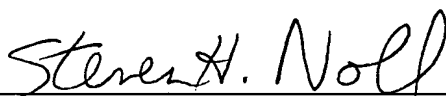
### REFERENCES

- AR INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION, March, 1993, "Digital Sections and Digital Line Systems - Access Digital Section for ISDN Basic Rate Access".
- AS IEEE COMMUNICATIONS MAGAZINE, "ATM for Narrowband Services", April, 1994, R. McKinney et al.

### EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

A copy of the above references together with PTO Form 1449 is submitted herewith. As of the date of mailing of the present Information Disclosure Statement, a First Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), and no fee is due. Applicant submits all claims of the application are patentably distinguishable over the teachings of the above references whether considered alone or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore requested.

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